

# GCC Averts Budget Crisis In The Learning Center

By AUDREY AUVINEN

Due to the increased and unexpected demand for tutoring services and the depletion of allotted funds, the Learning Center announced last month that it would be cutting back on some tutor's hours.

Swift action on the part of the faculty, division chairmen and deans of the college made the cuts unnecessary. Funds were provided and tutors will continue to assist all students who need their services through this semester.

No information was available on the Learning Center's funding for next year.

One division chairmen said that at any one time the college is "working on three budgets." Currently the col-

lege is finishing up (spending) the 1985-86 budget. The budget for 1986-87 is in legislation now. At the same time plans are being made for the 1987-88 budget which the legislature will vote on next year.

According to Mike Bathory, Coordinator of Developmental Programs at the Learning Center, services were provided to over half the student body during the course of the academic year. Not only students whose study skills are "rusty" but "B" students who want to earn "A's" come to the Learning Center. He said, "Our resources are available to all students. We see a full range of people. We welcome everybody."

The Learning Center employs 55 peer tutors, students at Greenfield Community College who are recommended by faculty members. Noting that many colleges hire pro-

fessional tutors to assist students, Bathory said, "We feel that the most responsible thing to do with it (the money) is to offer to the students for tutoring services."

In response to one tutor's comment that the Learning Center may have lacked foresight when planning for this year, Bathory explained, "We wanted to establish what the need was in the labs. The size of the math and chemistry labs grew far beyond our expectations. The demand for tutors in the English As A Foreign Language Program, the Computer and Accounting labs, as well as the English 100 lab "exploded," he said, so the budget was "used up."

Bathory believes that now the Learning Center is in a better position to anticipate the needs for next year.

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## GCC Reacts To Strike On Libya

By MARIANNE SUNDELL

This year April 15th was not just the day before the midnight deadline to file taxes. It was also the day after the administration put our money where their (our?) mouths were—and bombed Libya.

On the morning of April 15th, national polls indicated about 80% of the U.S. population supported the bombings. In contrast, opinions at GCC were sharply divided. Responses to the strike were collected from members of the student body, faculty, and staff. Among 38 people questioned, 18 opposed the action, 15 supported it, and 5 were not sure.

Although we disagree about whether or not the action was appropriate, we all seem to agree that the bombing would not deter but intensify and spread the acts of terrorism. "Making terrorism is not going to stop terrorism," as one student put it.

Many people did not feel a full scale war would result. "They don't have much to work with, compared to us, so I don't think it will go that far," explained another student. But others were worried: "This is just the beginning of what's to come," said one man of draft age. "We'll hit them, they'll hit us, and it will go on and on," said another.

Many people who opposed the bombings mentioned civilian deaths and felt, in the words of a professor, "We should have tried more diplomatic channels before engaging in the kind of thing we're supposedly telling Libya not to do."

Those who supported the action said "It's about time" and "Something had to be done." "I support the action 100%," said a student, adding that military action was necessary to defend our freedom. "If we have terrorism, we no longer have freedom. We are being dictated by what another country does," he said, "You have to be thankful that we can sit here and talk about whether we agree or disagree with what has been done."

When asked whether or not the President should have consulted Congress as a whole, 41% of the people questioned said he handled the situation correctly. "If he had consulted Congress, it would have taken weeks and weeks," said an older student, "I think the strike had to be swift."

32% said he should have consulted Congress first. "It was the king of action that could have extreme repercus-

sions and the President definitely failed as far as consulting prior to acting," explained a professor. 27% said they were unsure.

A lot of people were unsure what to think this April 15th. "I don't advocate violence of any kind," said one student, "but I don't feel he should be allowed to run around the globe unchecked, blowing people up, financing terrorist operation, and blatantly saying that he's (Khadafy) doing so." She said she would support the action "if everything government says is true, which is not usually the case."

Several other people questioned the validity of the evidence linking Khadafy to the Berlin bombings. "You never know what is true and what is not," said one student, adding that the evidence could have been contrived to justify the action.

A professor said we should have reconsidered the action in light of the European's response. "It is the Europeans who will suffer the most as a result of our actions," said a staff member.

In contrast, another professor said it is the Europeans who were "making a big mistake" by not supporting economic and diplomatic sanctions, because "terrorism is affecting a lot of people other than Americans."

Some people said the action would further damage our international reputation. "The United States is going downhill as far as public image is concerned. The image Khadafy wants to create of us being bullies is true," said one.

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Photo by Eric Wilkinson

The "controversial" door, page 3

## A Great Source Of Inspiration

By BRENT ASTRELLA

The speaker of this year's graduation ceremony is by no means a stranger to "pomp and circumstance."

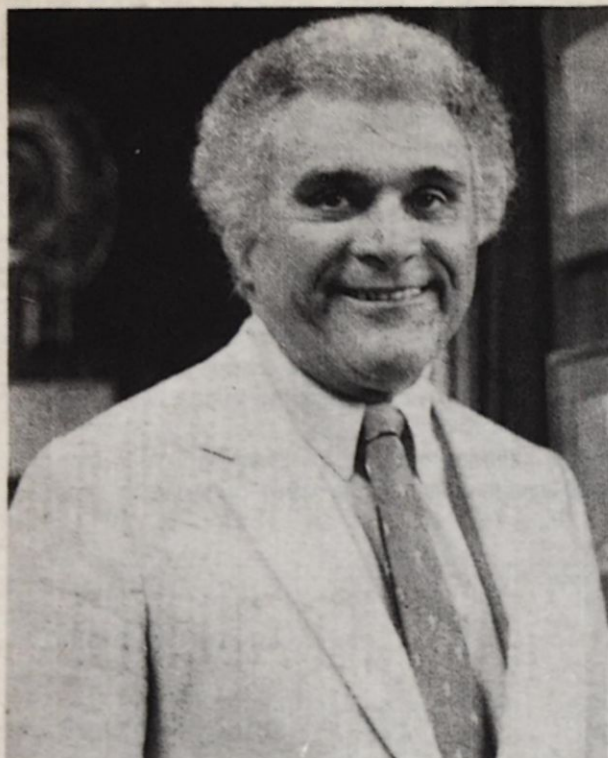
Lupita Quintanilla holds a Bachelor of Science degree, as well as a master degree in Spanish literature. She works as assistant provost at the University of Houston, and in June of 1985 she was named by President Reagan to the National Institute of Justice advisory board.

Things were not always this good for Quintanilla, however. She was born in a small Spanish village and was 13 years old before she was entered in a school. After taking an intelligence exam in English, she scored at the bottom of her school, called a "slow learner" and placed with children with "special learning troubles." She was humiliated and begged her father to let her quit. After four months he finally agreed.

Quintanilla married when she was 16 years old. She See SPEAKER, page 11

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President T. Provo

## Graduation

By PRESIDENT PROVO

The year is closing and some will be graduating. It is time to stop and reflect for a moment.

In our world of haste, we have a tendency to look forward, driving toward the next goal. In our anxiety to move ahead we often do not take enough time to review our accomplishments. We often forget the hard work and dedication it took to reach our graduation goal.

A few years ago you may have questioned yourself about attending college, wondering if you would be successful. Now that success is achieved, take a few moments to remember how you achieved it. Take a positive look back and a positive attitude about yourself. It is important as you seek your next set of more difficult goals. It is time to gloat, a time to be pleased with yourself, a time to be proud of yourself while at the same time appreciating what the College and, in particular, what the faculty did for you.

By reflecting on these accomplishments, you will establish a inner satisfaction which will provide a source of strength for the future. The entire college is as proud of you as you are of yourself. Congratulations and best wishes.

## From The Editor

Yes, the PRISM once again has a new Editor. I am Frank G. Woodard, a Math/Science major with some Graphic Art experience. I became involved with the Prism last September in order to have some fun, publish a few cartoons and demonstrate commitment outside of class-work as part of my resume.

I began last fall by cleaning the office, drawing cartoons and generally poking fun. After a time, the powers that were noticed me hanging about and promoted me to Circulation Manager, whose primary responsibility lies in dragging unwanted piles of newspapers into the fireplace lounge for kindling. Having an aversion to physical exertion, I tended to elude my responsibilities.

Shortly thereafter, the layout person became flustered with the criticism and disorder congruent to the PRISM. This coincided with the demise of our first Editor last semester, and consequently, the new Editor turned to me for layout.

Layout is a lot of fun! For a commitment of six to eight hours a month (mostly standing around poking fun since one has to wait for late copy). I had the opportunity to sharpen my Graphic Art skills and stuff the PRISM with cartoons. Everything seemed to be percolating smoothly until last month.

Last month both the Editor and the Copy Editor announced that their classwork was suffering and that they could no longer participate on the PRISM. Enough people had invested energy to the point where a last issue was needed, so I have shouldered the responsibilities (it got dumped on me!). and now I am the Editor.

I am not proficient in spelling or grammar, yet I have put the best effort I can into this issue, and with the help of the exceptional people who have worked to create this

## Letters

Just a letter of thanks to all you great GCC people who stopped to lend a hand to me on Wednesday afternoon when my car "died". It is heartwarming to know that if you ever get stuck or need help, the community of GCC is there to help!

I particularly would like to thank the young man who painstakingly pushed my car out of the way of traffic. I don't know your name, but know that you have my everlasting gratitude and thanks.

Also to my colleagues whom I know, and to those whom I don't know, Thanks, you're great!

Rose Branious  
French/Spanish Instructor

issue, I believe you have before you a fine example of what we, the students of GCC, are capable of. We hope you find this informative and entertaining reading!

Alas, with this issue my reign as Editor ends, for next fall I continue toward becoming a Math/Science teacher elsewhere. It is for the better, as since my rise to power I have become the victim of vehement personal criticism and underhanded manipulations. I fear I have misused my powers as a result, and unfortunately a few people will be very upset.

Even as my empire comes crashing down, I wonder which of you, dear readers, will rise above the burden of academia, and reap the rewards creating a newspaper offers for you and the college community next semester. I believe the effort is worthwhile, the lessons invaluable, and the experience priceless.

For you, the exceptional and dynamic person who dares to commit oneself bravely to the task at hand, my sincere best wishes.



## GCC Spring Weekend

Friday, May 9

Free Performance, noon to 1 p.m.,  
GCC cafeteria

Abrams and Anderson

Improvational Comedy

Semi-Formal Dinner Dance

6:30 to midnight, GCC cafeteria

With the Greg Greenway Band

Tickets: \$5 perperson (purchase in advance  
from Student Activities)

Saturday, May 10

Activities Scheduled from 1:30 to 6 p.m.

Admission: \$3 students, \$6 public

"The Drive"

Waldo Woodhead Comedy and Juggling

Caricature Artist

Dunking Machine

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Rob Salafia - "The Nose Mogul"

Sky Divers

Barbecue - 4 to 6 p.m.

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# The Fountain And The Door

By Evon Tefft

"I think people are looking for problems," said Charles Carter, GCC's Dean of Administration, in reference to the controversy stirred on campus recently by two actions by the college President, Theodore Provo. One was to install a door in his conference room. The second was a proposal to install a fountain at the rotary on College Drive.

In a memo sent to the college community March 20, 1986, President Provo said: "One of my goals which has been addressed in the Five Year Plan is the continuing beautification of the campus. An objective reaching for that goal is to consider the installation of an attractive fountain located in the center of the rotary on the road to the campus." He asked that people respond to this and they did.

Comments made by students and faculty regarding this issue were that the President should spend his time on more important issues, some mothers felt a fountain would be dangerous and some said that students had other needs than a fountain. Still other students said that they were upset because the president hadn't asked their opinion. There were rumors that Provo already had plans made up. The door and the fountain represented the ongoing controversy over the administration's inability to communicate in a timely manner, claimed another student. When many are complaining of lack of fresh air, why should the president's office have access to it, another asked.

"It's a dead issue," said Provo, regarding the fountain. "I have received so many better ideas. A flower garden was suggested for the rotary and redoing the duck pond so that there would be benches around where people could sit."

"The fountain, if for no other purpose, stimulated a whole rush of ideas from the college community. The method of our madness is it really had a function. I am very appreciative of all who responded," said Provo. He had hoped the beautification would help attract prospective students.

When asked why the fountain was rejected, Provo explained that some considered it dangerous with cars going by, as windblown spray would hinder visibility.

Asked about the door, Provo said he was trying to use a formerly unused asset, the patio, for conferences. It was not so much beautification as utilization, he said. "Literally, all we did was convert a window to a door," he explained.

The purpose of the door was to give direct exposure to the patio from the presidents' conference room. According to Provo it has all the same safeguards as other doors in the building and would not be left open because of air-conditioning.

Since the college used its own maintenance people and materials, very little money was expended on the project. "It may not even be a new door," Provo said.

The president went on to explain that money comes in categories and by state law one can't change categories. Money for beautification can't be used for anything else. "We have such an excellent maintenance and grounds crew, we save money for beautification," he said.

According to Provo, they are going to take down the wall of the presidents' conference room this summer for further expansion. Since space in the college is at a premium and conference space is at a super premium, it would double the presidents' conference space, which now seats ten-twelve people.

Asked about his reaction to the fountain, Carter said: "It's not a private courtyard. Last week they said he (Provo) didn't communicate. Frankly, what's going on? If you're asking about the issue of the fountain, what issue? He never said he was going to build it. I wish everyone around here was willing to admit when he (sic) was wrong."

According to Carter, there never was any money for the fountain. It was just an idea, an idea that stimulated better ideas about beautification of the GCC campus.

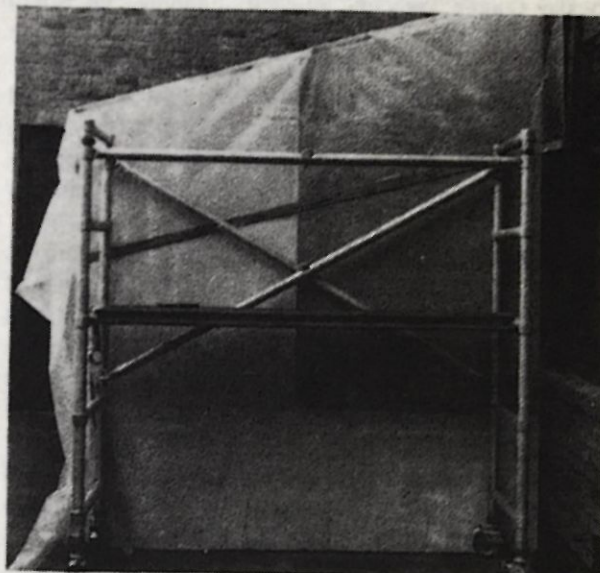


Photo by Sharon Altschuler

The new door under construction.

## GCC To Host Seminar For Master Teachers

Officials at GCC have announced that the college will host the National Seminar for Master Teachers July 13 through July 18, 1986. Nearly fifty teachers from two-year colleges from around the country will participate in the program, and participants will be housed at the Stoneleigh-Burnham School.

Program director Hartley Pfeil says that the seminar represents a commitment on the college's part toward fostering teaching excellence at the junior and community college level.

"We're concerned at this college with the quality of teaching," Pfeil said. "This program gives teachers a chance to assess themselves and make improvements. There are four seminars in the country that proceed in the same general way, but ours is the original."

The National Seminar for Master Teachers was started in 1962 by Roger H. Garrison, a leader in the community college movement. Pfeil was a staff member of the Westbrook program, and after Garrison's death he proposed that the program be brought to GCC.

"As the college prepared to celebrate its twenty-fifth year of service to the community, we're extremely proud that we can provide a service to the nation in helping to promote teaching excellence," said GCC President Theodore L. Provo. "Teachers at the community college level face special challenges in the 1980's and this program provides a forum to address some of those issues."

The National Seminar for Master Teachers is unique, Pfeil said, because participants set their own agendas and workshop topics, and teachers bring their own resources. They are often called upon to present workshops and discussions, and staff members work more as discussion organizers than as teachers.

"Because of the interdisciplinary nature of the program, the participants find themselves bringing their own expertise to a discussion," Pfeil said. "As a result, math teachers often learn from drama teachers, and they may in turn, learn from a history teacher."

Common discussion topics at the seminar include motivating students, how to start a semester, how evaluate your own teaching methods, and teaching as a form of theater.

Pfeil said one highlight of the seminar is a well-teacher clinic, in which individual teachers demonstrate a segment of a lesson for their peers' evaluation.

The program represents the first time the college has teamed up with the Stoneleigh-Burnham School, which will provide food and accommodations for the program participants, Pfeil said.

"We couldn't be happier about the way things turned out," Pfeil said. "Stoneleigh-Burnham has a beautiful campus and I think the program participants will be quite happy there."

## GCC Outdoor Leadership Program

Sandy Braun, executive director of the Wilderness Education Association recently co-instructed the American Camping Association Trip Leader Certification with Larry Buell, director of the Outdoor Leadership Program at GCC.

Braun and Buell are two of twelve outdoor leaders from across the United States who have been certified as instructor-trainers of the new outdoor leadership curriculum, which will become a standard course for American Camping Association counselors. Buell and Braun were tested for their own certification at a week-long in-the-field competency assessment and leader training program in southern California two years ago.

"Having a nationally recognized leader like Sandy Braun gives our whole Outdoor Leadership Program at GCC continued credibility," said Buell, whose doctoral research at the University of Massachusetts was in the field of outdoor leadership competency.

The Outdoor Leadership Program, now in its sixth year, graduates about sixteen students a year. Graduates enter jobs in outdoor-related programs in education, recreation and human services.

Braun, a native Idaho, has worked for the past four years developing the Wilderness Education Association, whose main goal is to develop the competency of people who use backcountry wilderness areas. She said there is a need for highly developed leaders and aware participants in outdoor programs.

"I see the GCC program as being on the cutting edge of skill training and experience development," Braun said. "Larry Buell has developed a curriculum unique in higher education, and I'm really excited about seeing the program in action."

Buell and Braun co-instructed a week-long survival education program. Students learned skills of shelter construction, edible wild food, navigation and more, and the ended the week with a three-day solo experience. Successful completion of the week, along with three other OLP trips, will lead to American Camping Association trip leader certification.

For more information on the certification program or the Outdoor Leadership Program, contact Dr. Larry Buell, director, Outdoor Leadership Program, Greenfield, MA 01301. Phone (413) 774-3131.



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## Financial Aid For Energy Independence Available

Area residents who are looking for a low-cost way to make their homes more energy efficient will need to move rapidly to take advantage of a program which pays for as much as 50% of these costs. According to the Franklin County Regional Housing Authority, the Home Energy Loan Program (HELP) still has funding available to provide assistance to another 30-40 eligible households. These monies must be distributed by July 31, 1986. (Of the original energy assistance pool of \$40,000, approximately \$10,000 has already been spent and applications are now pending which could use up another \$20,000)

Because HELP is designed for people who earn as much as 150% of the area median income, a family of four could earn as much as \$38,438 per year and still be eligible for the program. HELP is open to all income eligible area homeowners and many tenants. Landlords owning residential property are eligible, regardless of income.

Depending on the participant's income level, HELP will pay as much as 20 to 50% of the costs of home energy conservation measures. Among the eligible activities are:


- caulking and weatherstripping
- attic, ceiling, wall, floor or duct insulation
- storm windows and doors
- replacement burners, boilers and furnaces
- clock thermostats
- solar domestic hot water systems

The program will also subsidize a major portion of the interest paid by low-income people on energy conservation loans.

As an example, under HELP program, a family of four earning \$25,000 per year wishing to replace old, inefficient boiler at a cost of \$2500 would be eligible for a subsidy of \$1250 (50% of the loan), which would bring the cost of the boiler down to \$1250. In addition, they would receive an interest subsidy of 5% (up to a maximum of \$500). This means that if the bank at which they take out the loan charges 13% interest for this loan, their effective loan rate could be as low as 8%.

Funding for the Program is provided through Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy Resources. Individuals wishing to apply for the HELP program should contact the Franklin County Regional Housing Authority at (413) 863-9530.

For more information contact: John Fisher, Housing Services Coordinator.



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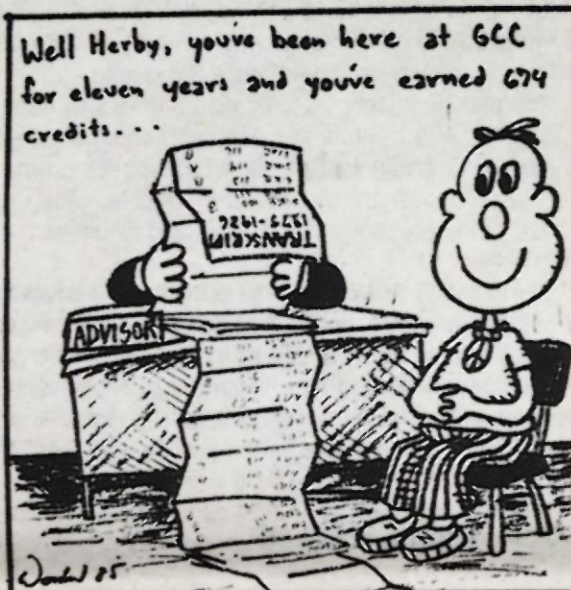
## Greenfield Community Bank Sponsors GCC Scholarships

The Greenfield Cooperative Bank is continuing a program that it began last year by offering a scholarship/internship program to an eligible GCC student, financial aid director Jane Abbott said this week.

Under the program, a full time student who is interested in pursuing a career in banking, economics, business or finance works for ten hours a week during the academic year. In return the bank pays for the student's education expenses, including tuition, fees and books, and additional costs directly related to the student's internship.

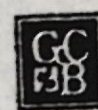
Students are involved in the many functions of the bank, and they gain valuable work experience in the bank's different departments and services.

Applicants are reviewed by the bank, and applications are available at the financial aid office. The deadline for applications is May 9. For more information, contact Jane Abbott in Financial Aid.



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## GCC Students Receive Scholarships

Eight GCC students have been selected as recipients of Ethel Dow Wells Scholarships. They received the awards at a meeting of the trustees of the Ethel Dow Wells Foundation April 15.

Receiving awards were: Elizabeth Hill of South Deerfield, to study nursing; Linda Carter-Formhals of Shelburne Falls, a nursing major; Dianne C. Tanguay of Charlemont, an art major; Patricia Klisenbauer of Greenfield, a liberal arts/business major; Gilbert Olson, Jr., a liberal arts/math/science major; Kathe Scott of Greenfield, an engineering major; and Daniel Stein of Greenfield, a liberal arts major.

The scholarships provide full tuition for one semester to students with the highest grade point average and financial need. They were established by the late Ethel Dow Wells, the widow of Frederick W. Wells, son of the founder of Wells Tool Company in Greenfield.

## Financial Aid News

By MORGAN ALLYN

### 1st Round of F.A. Awards Set for May 9th

The first round of Financial Aid awards will be mailed out to students on May 9, according to GCC's Financial Aid Director, Jane Abbott. These awards will cover the academic year of 1986-87 and will include information on Work Study, National Defense, Student Loans, Pell Grants and tuition waivers.

The second round of awards will be mailed around June 13. Students who have not yet filed a Financial Aid Form (FAF) are urged to do so now. There are still some monies available for aid.

### Reduction in VA Assistance

The Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 has caused a reduction of approximately 8.7 percent in education benefits under Chapter 34 (Old G.I. Bill) and Chapter 34 (Dependents Education Assistance) for education and training benefits obligated on and after March 1, 1986 through Sept. 30, 1986.

There will be no change in payments made to people receiving benefits under VEAP or Reservist and National Guard Benefits.

### 4-Year College Costs Can Be Met By Only 27%

The full average annual cost of education at public four-year colleges can be met by only 27% of families of college-bound high school seniors, according to the College Board. Only 12% can pay the total costs at private four-year schools.

### Despite Record \$ Amounts Gap Is Widening

Despite record amounts of state money for higher education the gap between what college students need and what states can provide is widening, according to the National Association of State Scholarships and Grants Programs. Federal aid cuts and colleges operating cost increases are to blame.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Blinded Veterans Association, 1735 DeSales St., NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20036 awards the Harthem F. Gruber Scholarship to dependent children or spouses of blinded veterans. The veterans must be legally blind, and the blindness may be either service or non-service connected. The candidate must have been accepted for admission or already be enrolled as a full time student at an accredited institution of higher education or business, secretarial or vocational training school. Applications and supporting materials must be filed by May 1st.

American Assn. of Critical Care Nurses, One Civic Plaza, Newport Beach, CA 92660 awards scholarships to its members who are registered nurses and are seeking a B.A. degree in nursing. Candidates must be entering either junior or senior status, have worked and/or are currently working for at least one year in a critical care unit.



# Do You Have A Friend Who Drinks Too Much?

COME TO ALCOHOL AWARENESS DAY ON MAY 7. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Free drinks, prizes, Marc the Mime, drinking demonstrations, films, wrecked cars, naked dancing girls and male strippers.

Do you know that alcoholism is the 3rd major killer after heart disease and cancer?

Do you know that one out of every 10 adults in the U.S. who drinks is an alcoholic?

Do you know that 95 to 97 percent of the adult population of alcoholics are like you and me? Only 3 to 5 percent are stereotypic skid row types.

Do you know that every alcoholic profoundly affects at least five other people?

Do you know that alcoholics have a suicide rate two and a half times greater than the general population?

Do you know that the accidental death rate for alcoholic is seven times higher than the general public and that alcohol is involved in one half of all highway deaths?

The Greenfield Community College Health Service, in cooperation with Student Activities and the Beacon Programs is sponsoring an Alcohol Awareness Day which will

be held on campus from 9:30 until 3 on May 7.

This will be an opportunity for you to learn more about the legal issues associated with serving alcohol and to learn what your legal rights are if you have been drinking and get stopped at a road block. A breathalyzer demonstration will take place in the lobby, and emergency room nurses will be here to discuss trauma and show slides about alcohol related emergencies.

Representatives from a variety of helping agencies will be on hand to answer questions about alcohol. If you have a friend or family member who drinks too much, this will be your opportunity to learn how you can be helpful. If you grew up in a family with an alcoholic parent, you may be interested in learning more about Adult Children of Alcoholics. If you have a child or teenager who may have a drinking problem this will be a place for you to get more information about help that is available.

We lied about the naked dancing girls and the male strippers but if you read all the rest should have no trouble winning prizes on May 7.

## SUMMER HEALTH IDEAS

### Poison Ivy

A brush with a batch of the infamous three shiny leaves means weeks of minor to major misery. The leaves and branches of the ivy plant contain a substance called oleoresin. After contact the skin feels itchy, and scratching transfers it to other parts of the body. Clothing and pets also transfer the oleoresin. About 12-48 hours after exposure, itching and blistering appear.

After contact wash affected areas with soap and water (strong laundry-type soap bars are an old-time favorite) several times. If this is done within several hours of exposure it may prevent the reaction. Rubbing alcohol on a washcloth is also effective. Severe itching may require a prescription for antihistamines or cortisone. Mild cortisone creams can be bought over-the-counter but should be used sparingly. Calamine lotion, tub baths with oatmeal (one cup tied in cheesecloth, under hot running water), or cool compresses (Domeboro, BurnVeen) may relieve the itch. Some doctors suggest this hot water treatment for itching areas: gradually make the water warmer in shower or tub until it's as hot as you can tolerate, until the itching stops. While this causes increased itching at first, it gets rid of the histamine in the skin that causes the itch for several hours.

### Insect Stings

Stings from hornets, wasps, yellow jackets and bees are lethal for some people every year. A local reaction with mild swelling may progress to hives, and very severe reactions cause swelling of air passages and difficulty breathing. The most serious reactions lead to shock: the person loses consciousness and dies if treatment isn't immediate. Once a moderate to severe reaction to a sting has occurred that person should see an allergist; their lives may depend on it. It may be necessary to carry drugs such as adrenalin, or to reduce risk by a series of injections to reduce sensitivity.

To keep stinging insects away, avoid perfumes and other scented products. Wear light clothes; darker ones tend to attract. Don't walk barefoot in the grass to avoid stepping on them. And remember they're often uninvited guests at picnics.

### No Soap

Summer heat and perspiration means more bathing. In a research study report in the medical journal Lancet, 17 out of 22 women who had recurrent urinary tract infections had no further problems when they stopped using soap on the genital area.

### Sun Sensitivity

If you're taking thiazide diuretics such as Diuril, Natu-retin or Hygroton (to name a few), sun may be your enemy. thiazide diuretics prevent fluid retention and lower blood pressure, but allergic hypersensitivity reactions to sunlight may occur with itching, blisters, and rash. These symptoms stop when it's discontinued, but may return permanently if the drug is ever given again according to an Archives of Dermatology report. Ask your doctor about drugs you're taking which could cause sun sensitivity.

## "Hands Across The Valley"

Members of the five college community met at Mt. Holyoke College on March 11 to begin plans for what has been dubbed, "Hands Across the Valley", a fundraising event for local hunger. During the event students and community members will link hands in a line through the town of Amherst, to be followed by a rally.

Congressman Conte, Dr. Brown of Harvard and a representative from the Western Mass. Foodbank will speak. Planned for May 3 at noon, the event is intended as a prelude to the larger national "Hands Across America" event, sponsored by USA for Africa, to be held on May 23.

Nathan Newman of the Amherst College MassPIRG chapter commented, "This is a great beginning, but if we are going to pull off what could be one of the most spectacular events this year in the five college area, we're going to need help from every person and group who can possibly lend a hand."

"This will be a really fun event for the five colleges and the surrounding community college's to come together," said Jeff Hall of Amherst College. "It is also a chance for all of us to do something to help those who are in so much need of help."

The various MassPIRG chapters are involved in this event through the National Student Campaign Against Hunger, an organization sponsored by USA for Africa and run by state PRIG's across the country since last year.

As a fundraising event, a 3 dollar contribution will be asked for. Of the money raised, one third will go to Hands Across America, one third to the Western Mass. Food Bank, and one third to OXFAM America.

For more information about participating in this event, call the UMASS office of MassPIRG at 413-545-0199.

# Alcohol Awareness Day

**Wednesday, May 7, 1986**

Meet and talk with alcohol professionals/ counselors/organizations on such topics as:

**C.A.R.E Nurses — Cancel Alcohol Related Emergencies**

*E.R. Nurse Demonstration*

**You and Alcohol  
Beacon Programs of  
Franklin Medical Center**

*Education*

*Driving while intoxicated  
Outpatient clinic*

*Beacon Detoxification Center*

*Beacon House for Women*

*Beacon House for Men*

**Non Alcoholic Bar**

*Free Drink — Just Take A Simple Quiz*

**Alternatives To Drinking**

*Self-Help Groups*

*Alcoholics Anonymous*

*Al Anon*

*Adult Children of Alcoholics*

**Alcohol, Driving and  
Other Legal Issues**

*Mary Kupec, Safety Council of Western Mass  
Beacon Programs*

**Women and Alcohol**

*Donna Cole, R.N., Boston University*

*School of Medicine*

*Fetal Alcohol Syndrome*

*Beacon Programs*

**Breathalyzer Demonstration  
Greenfield Police Department**

*11 A.M.-1 P.M.*

As well as: Films, 1 to 3 p.m.; books, wrecked car; prize kite donated by World on a String, Inc. and a response sheet to "What To Do Other Than Drink."

**Main Lobby — Student Activities**

**Hallway — C129**

**Second Floor Core Lobby**





*Only Once...  
Only For A Moment...  
And You Are There.*

*Capture The Moment.  
Your Thoughts. Your Feelings.  
And Join With Us In Celebration Of  
This Time We Share At GCC.*

Photo by Eric Wilkinson



*Silence  
and storms,  
scathing sounds  
that surround  
dullness  
and drab,  
drear density  
that debilitates  
until ...  
life  
and laughter,  
loving license  
that liberates  
jubilation  
and joy,  
jovial jargon  
that jests  
until ...  
one  
and wonder,  
waning want  
that withers  
and ...  
hope  
and health,  
habituating happiness ...  
harmony.*

*Thinking of You  
When we first met  
I thought I'd be allset  
I think of you often  
when I'm with you  
and seeing you  
is what I surely like  
for you're very special to me  
and I hope I am to you  
I know when I'm with you  
I feel happy tis true  
because you are you  
and I am me  
with our thoughts we have  
we can help each other out  
through happy times  
as well as sadness too  
that's why I think of you  
if you only knew  
how much I like you*

Kevin Jefferson

Photo by Sharon Altschuler



*This poem was written, prior to admit-  
tance, by a full-time student for whom GCC  
has become a place where hope lies.*

#### DIVORCE

*Crouched in the remotest corner of the chair,  
Little boy arms clutching the teddy bear  
that shadows his face —  
Solace, soft fuzz, nothing but space,  
nobody to batter, to rail, to wound  
Him  
no one to pluck his strings  
that delight has never tuned.  
Oh my baby, my child, my waif —  
What cruel force could have done this,  
What despicable creatures could have  
brought us together,  
And left our lives so breached and so burden-  
some.*

*Flesh of my loneliness,  
product of my poverty —  
What are we to do  
when there's nowhere to go.  
A little boy's blondness,  
a child ever empty  
I haven't the glue  
to bond the gone glow.  
Together, yet alone,  
we battle our days,  
and rest at night in a place  
where no hope ever lies.*

ANONYMOUS

Photo by Eric Wilkinson



*Anthology-Journal-Thesis-Poem  
the other day i looked at a  
book entitled The Farther Reaches  
of Human Nature and mistook it for  
the Farther Reaches of Woman Nature,  
the end of sin.  
today i want to read Sojourner Truth,  
Shulamith Firestone, but instead i wrestle  
with wind and the difference between  
a hawk and seagull, oh immortal plea  
what higher goals despite my emotions.  
the time is coming, now i must go to  
write my words.*

Nancy M. Thompson



*I have no sympathy for apathy or complacency,  
for a man's limits are found by going beyond them.*

*In this time, in this place,  
I rejoice of many mistakes,  
of failures ... ruffled feathers ...  
of new mistakes ahead.  
I sing the song called life.*

*Frank G. Woodard*

*The Prism  
Come ... look at me, all nestled  
in my tissue papered world.  
I'm fragile and protected;  
my beauty not unfurled.  
I could stay right inside here  
and only those who dare intrude upon my  
sheltered space  
approach ... with utmost care.  
But I'd prefer to come outside  
and share the worldly light,  
and dance and sing and show my own  
reflections of delight  
in taking every moment of this world  
and as we spin it,  
extraat the joy, the love, the life,  
that's ever always in it;  
If only we take the time to shine  
and kindle every spark  
and never close the door of love,  
for that's what makes it dark.  
So as long as I have light within my soul  
and strength to be,  
the world and all who care to look  
will see reflections .. of me!*

*Lorna Marchese*



*An education says-go-straight—  
where our fantasies dare not go.  
To hold the knowledge in our minds  
and let our souls grow.  
All our wishes cannot come true.  
All our work is not yet done.  
A Celebration means work completed.  
A graduation means you've just begun.*

*A.N. Anonymous*

Photo by Eric Wilkinson



*I'm tired of all the harassment, derogatory remarks and unkind comments I've been receiving since I started college here at GCC.*

*I'm a nice guy who is trying to do well for myself by getting a college education. It's damn hard work, yet I am doing it.*

*I feel I am taking a positive step in my life by attending college. I want to learn as much as possible and become the best person I can be.*

*We all strive to do well, but we all need to remember that other people have feelings too. Often I receive harassment, derogatory remarks and unkind comments. What ever happened to compassion, or are people with negative feelings about themselves directing their feelings at me?*

*We are a family here in that we are all striving for a college education and for good feelings about ourselves and others. In light of this I wish everyone would try harder to be friends, and in doing so, hopefully make for a better atmosphere.*

*Kevin Jefferson*



# Inner Sanctum Arts

From the Inner Sanctum we bid you a summer-long farewell. It's been fun working with ya'll. Summer is a time to relax, and begin to create new ideas. Gear up for the Fall, eh? We'll see you in a couple of months when those golden September times come rolling around. Ciao babies!

## PASSING THE BOTTLE UNDER THE VIADUCT

Pass the railroad tracks  
that border the river, past  
the winos camped under the viaduct,  
past broken bottles that capture the glint  
of a faraway gaze, past  
a man crumpled like a pile of old rags  
in the rubble of glass and garbage

Shall I smile? Toss a coin?

Or hasten my walk?

O, it is hard to please

And I am tired of humanitarians  
with inscrutable faces

who show me my misery and then insist on answers  
which only they can offer.

tired of doctors who take my urine  
when I ask for water, who gives me blood

when I need a dollar, tired

of teachers with dagger words,

of baskets and basket weavers.

I could go on, I could go on.

Better to cast myself with the derelicts  
on which this city turns its back.

Two crouch in the shadows of the shelter,  
passing the bottle.

Soon the wine is burning my guts,  
the dirt, my ass. I dream of open seas

and plenty of bread.

So this is what it's like to sleep

in the gutter and raise one's lid

only to the bottle.

I sink through the earth

with a grin,

till only my face appears,

like a decal, under the viaduct,

between these two nameless creatures

who pass down a last sip,

cover me in a wink,

No thank-yous, or pleases,

no goodbyes.

By Evon Tefft



**FAT LADIES**  
Pick and glean, pick and glean  
With chisel-like words our bodies  
are stripped to the bone,  
Fat Farms put fat ladies  
into skin-tight little suits,  
showing every "unsightly" bulge.  
Shamed into social unacceptance,  
they push, pummel, relocate their fat cells,  
Workout so dilligently, then grab pizza for lunch

A new deal has snuck in.

Androgeny

Women should look like boys,

Men should look like boys,

Boys should like girls.

All meld until there is no difference.

Stick-thin, whittled to toothpicks  
by hours spent in gyms, or months eating rabbit  
food.

Cellulose-free, cholesterol-free.

No love handles to be found on these bods.

Rumps and rolls are relocated

to parts unknown.

But when the going gets tough,

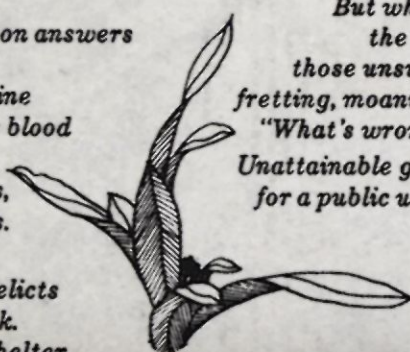
the untough start eating.

those unsuccessful stay in their gyms,  
fretting, moaning at lump-laden mirror images.

"What's wrong?... I've been at it two days!"

Unattainable goals, unreasonable expectations,  
for a public used to immediate gratification.

By L. Wheeler



## TERRITORY

The bird I hear, but can never see  
Succeeds each Spring in taunting me  
With his boast of territorial conquest.

Each Spring he calls — later and later,

Following me from place to place,

flaunting his vagrant vanity.

He eludes my scrutiny.

Phantom glimpsed from uncertain eye.

Before again, he's flown away —

If he was ever there.

Perhaps it's just his song reminding me

I have no space that I can own.

But rent another's place

Where I can never sing before 10 a.m.

Lest my neighbors find offense.

If even for the smallest moment I could own a tree,

Balancing before I flew —

I'd have something to sing about too.

By Audrey Auvinen



## TINNITUS

A Cicada, constant, sings  
His pitch is that of pain,  
Which travels, convoluted  
'round the pathways of my brain.

Seasons four there are,

Of buzz and bloom, breeze and spray,  
and creaking cold the winter long.

But which season this, which does inspire

This out of season bug?

What is your reason bug —

to sing this poet mad

Her whole life long?

By Audrey Auvinen

## Arts Management Classes Offered

The Arts Extension Service has added a new series for advanced arts managers to its popular three-day Summer Program in Arts Management at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, to be held July 16, 17 and 18, 1986. Along with "Introduction to Arts Management," the Summer Program will offer a second option: "The Arts Management Refresher: Managing for Excellence." While the "Introduction" workshops give experienced arts managers the opportunity to discuss high performance management trends with experienced practitioners.

Participants in the "Introduction to Arts Management" program learn the fundamentals of arts management in an intensive course, covering topics like planning, fundraising, how to set and achieve organizational goals, how to set and achieve organizational goals, how to market the arts, and how to plan and present successful creative arts events.

"The Arts Management Refresher" offers more extensive small-group discussions on advanced issues in management, giving participants a choice of topics relevant to their own management problems. This program also features four major presentations by management leaders on topics like "Managing for Excellence—a New Leadership Model for High Performance Organizations," "Excellence in Arts Programming," and "Anatomy of Leadership in the Arts," in addition to a review of recent best-selling literature that has shaped today's management models.

Both programs offer full-series registration for people interested in the full spectrum of arts management possibilities (\$175), or part-series registration for individual problem-solving needs (\$40 per workshop).

For more information, write or call the Arts Extension Service, Division of Continuing Education, University of Massachusetts, Amherst MA 01003. (413) 545-2360.

## Book Review, "A Canticle For Leibowitz"

BOOKVIEW by M. SCISCENTI, L. WHEELER

As we near the end of the semester, and the stress level rised due to massive workloads, I know that the last thing that anybody wants to do is read another book. But just think, we are quite close to the end of yet another fun-filled year, and are busy thinking of things to do during the summer. If you are at all interested in reading, and like a good story that makes you think, have I got a book for you.

The book that I have in mind is not your normal story. It is literature, it is speculative, and it is a satire. Not the usual fluffy pulp. It is subtle in its way of making you think about what it is that you are reading.

The book is call "A Canticle For Leibowitz" By Walter M. Miller, Jr. and was written in 1959. The setting of the

story is about 600 years in the future, and up, after WWII has ocured. Two main themes that run throughout the book concern religion (at which the author takes vicious satirical stabs), and mankind's continuing ability to make life-threatening mistakes. The most prominent one is destroying the world via nuclear war.

A man who lives for one thousand years plus, a two-headed mutant, brothers of a religion based upon the mysterious and "blessed" Leibowitz, are all unique twists to this story. They are presented, disappear, reappear, become parts of the Leibowitzian history.

In this future society only relics of a man known as Leibowitz remain, and to these documents monks of the order spent lifetimes interpreting, to try to find out what the world had been like before its destruction. "Then Brother

Francis unearthed the document that sent the scholars into paroxysms of inspired rhetoric and threatened to start a holy war. It read: 'Pound pastrami, can kraut, six bagels-bring home.' This mystery would cause intense speculation among philosophers for the next thousand years."

As any good literature does, the book reflects Miller's era. The late 1950's were a time when the Cold-war was heating, and the prevalent feeling was the fear that the world would end soon. In addition Miller makes a commentary on how governments tend to be run.

Although written several decades ago the story is still most timely. Frighteningly real, the story gives a perspective on who we are, and probes in depth into our capabilities for self-destruction.



# Project TEME Reflections

By LAURIE WHEELER  
with excerpts by  
DOUG MCKENDRY

"Ground Control, this is Manfred-Pega-5. Do you read?"

"Manfred-Pega, this is Ground Control. We read you loud and clear. Go ahead. Over."

"Okay, Ground Control. Here goes. It's gonna be a long one ...

"Once upon a sometime, our solar system coughed up a pearl, a real little precious beauty of an orb. It is our Earth, our star born pie-in-the-sky world, and we are its eyes ... and hands.

In the process of getting to know this wandering zen rock garden, we have learned to almost completely free ourselves of its gravity, its invisible apron strings ... and so as an adolescent species striking out on its own for the first time, we have come closer than ever to respecting its long sacrifice, its nourishing forgiveness, its love of life, its part in the cosmic cycle ... and our own roles as its conscious keepers."

"Mission time was almost upon us. The shuttle was having last minute touches hours before liftoff. Only during liftoff did we realize 'This is it, kids!' And it really was. This was the mission to top all missions. The crew

worked well, Ground Control worked well, systems worked well."

"What happens at this end of the college, at this end of the universe, is magical. Transformation is complete; lights down, curtains up, it's showtime folks! ... Ground Control observes, and manipulates, like skillful master magicians. It has the same kind of feeling you got as a child, not wanting to go to sleep on Christmas Eve, because you knew the minute you shut your eyes, Santa and his magic would momentarily appear, swirl around you, and be gone before you caught on. The feeling stays with you, but that magic moment would be gone forever, and you might not be able to believe it again. Such as it is, you cannot leave this place. The force is magnetic. Pulling. Not releasing its hold until many, many years have passed, if even then."

"... In the midst of all the antiseptic-white shuttle hardware, we remember our home. The shuttle simulator is like our earth; both have limited resources, limited comfort zones, and full human carrying capacities. The crew members of the shuttle are like nations upon earth. These seven little countries are evolving. Some have learned better than others; they are trying to live in harmony with their 'foreign' neighbors. The others have yet to find ba-

lance, and are still to be found in discord. Those who have learned are becoming teachers. Their knowledge of truth and harmony is contagious; all who come near feel its presence, and are affected by it. Some of those who have been touched become teachers also. The cycle continues."

"We have journeyed beyond the limits of our small and fragile world to contemplate and experience a vision of what lies before us. The seeds have been sown and are yet growing in the life-giving, fertile earth. When nurtured properly, harmoniously with their nature, they will shoot from Earth's dusty, warm, womb, strong as pine, their force always present.

Even as the seeds within a pine cone will some day become a mighty forest, the seeds of change which have been implanted will one day bear a bounty that will sustain us all."

"Ground Control, this is Earth Guild Correspondent. It's about time to sign off. Please be aware that no more transmissions will be following for a time. Wish us luck on our journey!"

"Manfred-Pega, this is Ground Control. We have received your transmission, and will pass it on. Take care, and good luck. Over."

## Project TEME's Final Stages

The Flight Crew and Ground Control Personnel of STS-7 have been chosen! The following individuals will be functioning onboard this year's craft!

Mission Commander — Nancy Goddard

Pilot — Andy Seward

Mission Specialist — Kate Harris

Payload Specialist — Betsy Westcott

Biomed — Tina Thompson

Earth Guild Correspondent — Colleen McGuane

Envoy — Daryl LaFleur

Alternate — Mike Goyette

The following have been selected as ground control personnel:

Leah Pierce

Ronald Clapp

Jean Lennox

Sharyn Altshuler

Gene Harriman

Samantha Avery

Patty Klisenbauer

Peter Leonard

Paul McCarthy

Diane Clark

Best wishes to this year's volunteers and may success be with you.



Photo by Laurie Wheeler



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Clockwise from left: TEME Technician at work; Mission Control room; Flight Research Center.

## Arts Calendar

Tuesday, May 6 at 8 p.m. in the Forum — Student Honors Recital — David Frain, Jazz Guitar, Sherrill Rossiter, Piano.

Thursday, May 8 at 8 p.m. in the Forum — Faculty Recital Dana Mayo, classical guitar and James Maes, piano.

Friday, May 9 and Sunday, May 11 — Faculty member Judith Oberholtzer will create the role of "Rosalinda" in Project Opera's production of Johann Strauss' "Die Fledermaus." Contact Project Opera at 586-5026 for more information.

## Synthesis Center Program

The Synthesis Center in Amherst is offering a two-day workshop May 3-4 "A Psychology of Women." This workshop will explore the application of goddess mythology and feminine development in counseling and education. The weekend is led by Paula Klimek, who for the past 17 years has developed and taught programs in wholistic education, counseling, woman's development, and mythology.

For more information and to register, please call The Synthesis Center, 256-0772 and in the evenings 549-4695 (please ask for Marta).

## GCC Student Art Exhibit


The GCC Annual Student Art Exhibition will be held at the college's South Gallery from April 17 to May 6. The exhibit will include paintings, drawings, photographs, prints, graphic design and mixed media works. An opening reception will be held April 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. The gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



# Help.

Our Cities.  
Our Oceans.  
Our Trees.  
Our Towns.  
Our Forests.  
Our Rivers.  
Our Air.  
Our Mountains.  
Our Plants.  
Our Fishes.  
Our Streams.  
Our Deserts.  
Our Lakes.  
Our Tomorrows.

**Give a hoot.  
Don't pollute.**

Forest Service, U.S.D.A. 

## International Students Update

Saturday, April 12, the International Students Club participated in the International Students Fair at the Student Union Building at UMASS. It also was Parents weekend so the atmosphere was extra festive. The highlight of the G.C.C. display was the eleven pencil sketches done by Pat Bunk, a Teacher's Aide in the E.S.L. program and Art Major at G.C.C.

Since they were the only outside group of foreign students taking part, they spent considerable time answering the question, "What is GCC?", since all wore "I LOVE GCC" buttons.

The various countries represented at UMASS had set up tables with displays of crafts and foods of their particular homeland. Many had slides or movies about their countries. The food provided a complete progressive dinner. There were cheeses and smoked salmon with Wasa bread from Norway as an appetizer; and entrees from teriyaki, fried rice, lo mein, to egg rolls and tocas on fresh fried indian bread. Your meal would have been topped off by croissants from France, cookies or kuchen from Germany, or Paklava from Armenia. All of these foods would have been topped off by the most fabulous Colombian coffee.

There were film presentations in a side room with topics ranging from the buried Quabbin towns to African safaris. Entertainment was provided by the Crescent Dancers performing various belly and sword dances of the Middle East; skits and folk dances by the French Club topped off by the famous Can-Can; Japanese planting and fan dances; and folk and jazz singing by Agnes Zsigmondi McCraven, formerly of Budapest and Paris, an E.S.L. pupil at G.C.C.

The Club is already anticipating a return for next year's fair and hope that many of their fellow students will make the trip to Amherst with them.

## Carmen Buell Visits GCC



Photo by Eric Wilkinson

Representative Carmen Buell

By MARIANNE SUNDELL

Representative Buell stressed the importance of the Hazardous Waste Clean-Up Bill and the Citizens' Utility Bill (CUB) to two dozen students, staff, and community members who filled the GCC classroom for her March 14 visit.

Buell described the Hazardous Waste Clean-Up Bill, which will be on the Nov. 6 ballot, as "an absolutely crucial bill that needs to be passed this year. I don't need to tell you how important water quality is to our lives," she continued. "Over and over, the water resource is being threatened by contamination and the greatest threat to the contamination is toxic chemicals."

According to Buell, 40 cities and towns in Massachusetts have had their water supplies closed because of contamination. The number will continue to rise, she said, as more waste sites are discovered. Buell said that the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering (DEQE) estimates that 1000 to 1500 toxic waste sites in Mass. are still unidentified. Buell said the cost of cleaning up the hazardous waste sites in Massachusetts is estimated to be in the billions. She also stressed that more funds need to be allocated for both research and clean-up of the sites. "I am personally opposed to having all public money fund what is basically the irresponsibility of private

industry," she continued, adding that she would like to see more incentives toward the cost of cleaning up.

The Hazardous Waste Clean-Up Bill requires that DEQE first develop a funding plan and then, over a ten-year period, identify, assess, contain, and finally, clean-up the dangerous waste disposal sites. Buell said research into how to clean-up the contamination will also be required. A provision has been included in the bill to extend the timeline if adequate technology is not yet available, she explained.

Buell also explained why she thinks CUB is important and how it fits into the utility rate-setting process. The Department of Public Utilities (DPU), the agency which regulates utility rates) bases its decisions on the information it receives from the utility and other intervenors in the case. Buell said residential consumers often have the least voice and the least access to the system. The Attorney General's office is the only official intervenor on behalf of consumers, she said. That office represents all consumers, including the commercial and industrial sectors, she explained; whereas CUB would only represent residential consumers.

CUB is important, she said, because although the present Attorney General, Frank Bellotti, makes utility rate intervention a top priority, not all Attorney Generals make the same commitment. "If we had CUB" she said, "we would know that our issues are represented in every case."

According to Buell, WMECO will spend more on its present rate increase request than the Attorney General's Office will spend on all utility rate cases this year.

After she spoke, Buell opened the floor to the questions and concerns of her audience. A lively discussion followed, focusing primarily on electricity. Buell urged her audience to stay involved in the issues which affect them. She put in a plug for MASSPRIG, the organization which sponsored her visit to GCC and was also responsible for putting both CUB and The Hazardous Waste Clean-Up Bill on the November ballot. MASSPRIG, she said, is "one of the most respected lobbyists on Beacon Hill...and has been very successful at having their initiatives enacted into law."

## Displaced Homemaker Program

By JANIE HOWARD

"Behind some of the most successful Americans is a displaced homemaker." That is the theme of the Displaced Homemaker Program.

Run by Betsy Ross Averill, the GCC program is for women who are at least thirty-five years of age, divorced, separated or widowed, and in need of a job, with no other means of support. The program helps women who want to return to school or decide on a career but are unsure of their skills, or need a more rewarding job or better income. Help is provided through counseling and career planning workshops developed to address their particular needs such as skills assessment, values clarification, and goal setting/decision making. Support workshops, individual or in groups, are available on the issues of assertiveness, financial planning or stress management.

The Displaced Homemaker Program is a non-profit program funded by Bay State Skills Corporation of Massachusetts. At GCC it began in the spring 1983.

The GCC program is a member of the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, which gives it visibility in the community. Through the Chamber, Averill is in touch with area employers, and can make informal contact with them. The membership also establishes the program as a professional organization that is interested in being a part of the community.

Through the program, about four women a month are brought into the College who would not ordinarily come here. Many of these women are prospective students, but they need different support services than the traditional

student. Most of them have been outside of the job market, many for 15 years or more. They have been raising families, managing homes, and volunteering in their community.

The transition from home to the world of work is a major one and is not easy. They go through many transitions. Being insecure, having financial problems, and being a single parent are just a few. However, according to Averill, these students are conscientious, goal-oriented, committed to education, and offer their life experience.

Asked what she felt was the most rewarding part of her work in the Displaced Homemaker Program, Averill said, "Seeing the changes women make and seeing how they grow." Averill's favorite quote, written by M. Louise McBee and Kathryn A. Blake, is "What, Then, might the American woman become? Who can she be? We might become whatever we want to become, whatever we have the wisdom, the strength, the courage, and the fortitude to become. We can be whoever we choose to be. We will be whoever we develop ourselves into being."

The Displaced Homemaker Office has resource files available for use on career information, job search information, and personal growth issues. Averill is continually updating these files and adding new ones. Suggestions for information that women would like to have are welcome. Relevant articles and other information women may have would be helpful.

For further information on current programs, contact Betsy Averill, Room C228 at GCC, Tuesdays through Thursdays, or call 774-3131, ext. 276.



# The "Up To Poverty" Campaign

By MARIANNE SUNDEL

With the state Budget currently under review, welfare and childrens advocates are lobbying for a portion of the states half-billion dollar surplus to be directed toward Aid To Families With Dependent Children (AFDC) and other childrens programs. The money would offset losses from federal cuts.

According to the Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare, 2/3 of the states AFDC recipients are children. 92% of the households receiving AFDC grants have only one parent present, usually the mother.

For the average family of three, the AFDC grant is 43% less than poverty level. Food stamps raise the benefits to 25% below poverty level which is \$8850 for a family of three.

The "Up to Poverty" campaign is lobbying for a 25% increase in AFDC grants. The state wide campaign was initiated last year by the Coalition For Basic Human Needs, a Cambridge based welfare fights organization, run by recipients. Last year when Governor Dukakis proposed a 4% increase, the legislature approved a 9% increase because of the campaign efforts.

AFDC recipients do not receive a cost of living increase and benefit levels have failed to keep up with inflation. Nancy Mitaguy, Assistant Director of Franklin County Community Action says the rising cost of housing is the

most critical problem in Franklin County. "Rents have gone up dramatically in the last couple of years, to the extent that even middle class people are having a hard time finding a place they can afford", she said. Mitaguy says only about 15% of the states AFDC grant barely covers the cost of housing alone.

Mitaguy said, "The basic thing for poor people to understand is that elected officials are among the people who are making the decisions about them. She urged welfare recipients and others to contact Senator Wetmore and Senator Olver in early May.

The Associated Press reports that other bills in the State House designed to support childrens programs would:

- \*Increase the payments and clothing allowances made to foster families.

- \*Require school districts with high numbers of needy children to provide them with a breakfast program.

- \*Expand and improve the Women, Infants and Children Program.

When Mitaguy was asked what could be done at the federal level, she replied, "According to the Mass. Dept. of Public Welfare, the proposed increase in military spending for fiscal year 1986 was more than the entire budget for AFDC and Food Stamps combined".



## Strike On Libya

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His sentiments were echoed in the words of a foreign student: "Libya is just one center of terrorism. The United States is another—the CIA is trained to carry out terrorist acts."

This April 15th Americans were worried about a lot more than getting their taxes in on time. Mothers, both those supporting and opposing the action, were worried about their sons. "It's a tremendously threatening thing to have done," said one woman. "It's almost as if we're setting ourselves up for war," said another.

And a man of draft age asked "Whether or not one egocentric tyrant who doesn't really account for much in the course of history, is worth starting a war over?"



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## Connecticut River Diversion Symposium

The proposed Connecticut River Diversion was the topic of a Pioneer Valley Studies sponsored symposium on March 6. The program featured senator John Olver, Rob Hubley, co-director of the Water Supply Citizens Advisory Committee, and J.R. Green, a noted Quabbin Valley Historian.

The plan to divert water from the Connecticut River the Quabbin Reservoir is currently under review with public hearings scheduled for early June. The purpose of the diversion would be to increase the Boston areas water supply.

The sentiments of the speakers were overwhelmingly opposed the the proposed diversion. Olver said he does not feel the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) has made a serious effort to establish that they need the water, nor have they shown that they have considered any alternatives. The speaker said conservation through leakage detection, better watershed management and industrial efforts could eliminate the need for diversion. "With motivation for an aggressive leakage detection and repair program in other communities, recovery could be from 25% to 30%— which would then make available more water than the communities need," said Hubley.

The program outlined the history behind the proposal

to divert the Connecticut, including background on the westward expansion of Bostons water supply and the Quabbin Reservoir. Both Hubley and Olver recalled that public attitude toward the proposed diversion plan was favorable in the 1970's until a study in the mid 1970's indicated that approximately 70 million gallons per day was being lost to leakage in the pipes between the reservoir and the towns that were using the water. The proposed diversion of the Connecticut was to supply 70 million gallons per day.

The Environmental Impact Study, completed in 1978, indicated that no other alternatives or possible solutions were considered. In response Olver and other environmentalists took action and the Inter Basin Transfer Act of 1984 was the result. The legislation encourages conservation and outlines a series of environmental questions which must be addressed. Olver presented a roadmap indicating the steps necessary in the legal process before any diversion plan could be implemented. The roadmap, when unrolled, stretched from one end of the lecture hall to the other. The Inter Basin Transfer Act will certainly slow down if not stop altogether the proposed diversion of the Connecticut River

## Graduation Speaker

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decided to become a good wife, a mother of three, and a good cook. However, when her children began having trouble in school because of language barriers, Quintanilla knew the only way to help her children was to learn English herself.

Without a high school diploma, Quintanilla soon found it almost impossible to get any kind of education. When she tried to sit in at a freshman English class at a local high school, she was told, "Your records show you to be mentally retarded" Although she was crushed, Quintanilla went on. She was finally able to get into Brownsville College, a two year institution.

Once enrolled in the school Quintanilla proved to be a fast learner. She made the dean's list her first semester and graduated with honors. But she did not stop there, she then enrolled in Pan American University and began working on a university degree. She didn't stop until she had her masters degree from the University of Houston.

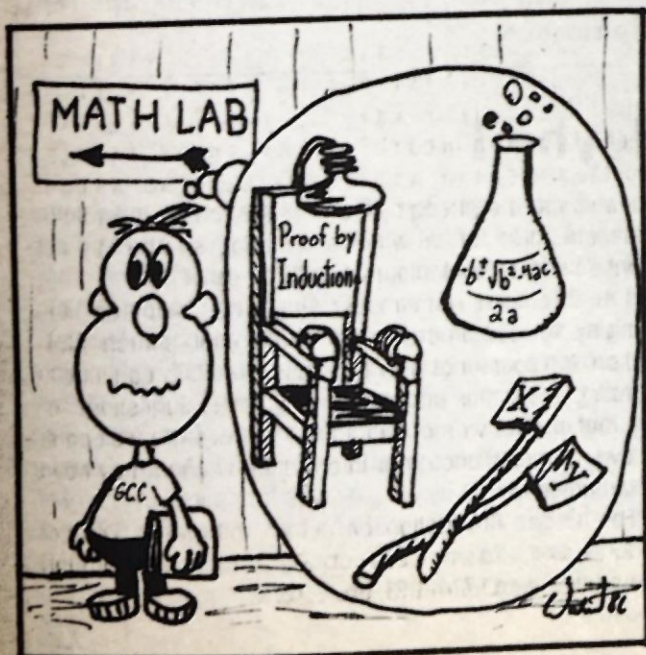
"The years were not easy ones," she said, "I felt guilty. The traditional family in me said I was neglecting my

family. But then I remembered I was doing this for my family as well as myself."

Quintanilla put her knowledge to work for her family and her community as well. She set up a class for the Houston fire department police force to teach them the basic Spanish language. The class proved to help American-Spanish relations that were tough at that time. She also watched her children proceed through education. Mario is now a physician, Victor became a lawyer, and Martha is currently a law student.

Quintanilla has many honors including: the Teaching Excellence Award from the University of Houston, the Quintanilla Scholarship Fund dedicated to her by a local Spanish newspaper, and the Outstanding Educator Award from the University of Guadalajara.

Quintanilla is a special lady, and it is an honor to have her speak to the graduating class of 1986. As her son said of his mother: "I feel that God has touched me, and my mother was his hand."





# Samoyed Softball

By JIM McNAMARA

Coach Larry Bartolucci sums up the status of his team when he says that "they have the talent if they want to put it together." This year's team is a squad that has excellent overall hitting and a good pitching squad that is anchored on two premier pitcher. According to Bartolucci, with the talent that these players possess, all they need to become a consistently winning team is to develop the right attitude.

At this juncture of the season, the squad has maintained a 6-6 record in Region 21 of the NJCAA, and a 7-7 overall record. On the offensive, the Samoyeds have five players currently batting over .300 with hitting .400. Former Greenfield player Chris Greene is providing some punch as he is leading the team in runs scored and RBI's. Greene, along with catcher Ralph Jelley and centerfield/second baseman Tim Peters are burning up the basepaths for the Samoyeds. Any player on the team is capable of timely hitting as various players have provided late inning heroics.

On the defensive side of the game, GCC's pitching is quickly establishing itself as a power in New England. Bartolucci points to the two horses Lynde and Matt Rice when he refers to success. Rice is capable of throwing in the 90 mile an hour range and has shown great consistency in striking out 30 and walking 3 in 25 innings of work. Rice has provided for some interesting last inning moments when he has dramatically erased the last three batters to preserve the Samoyeds with the win. The coach states that when Lynde recovers from an early season injury, he will be hurling some very solid ball. He rates both of these players up with the top of the pitching in the New England Region. After a late start, Chmura is emerging to become a quality pitcher for the team. Also playing outstanding defense are Jelley behind the plate, Greene at first base, and Brian Leduc who is handling the hot corner.

The other solid contributors to the club are Kim Levitre, first/centerfield; Captain John Doane, outfield/utility;



Photo by Eric Wilkinson

GCC Softball Team in action.

Andy Zudema, outfield; Chris Kingsley, outfield; Dave Ulrich, pitcher/outfield; and Robert Slys, short/pitcher. Bartolucci notes that Slys is the workhorse on the mound as he has pitched the most innings for the squad. The coach states that the biggest surprises are the outstanding play of Leduc at third and Peters in center. Peters leads off in the batting order and is doing exceptionally well for someone who never played high school ball.

With 4 of their 7 losses being by 1 run, the Samoyeds seem to have the talent for success in future tourney play. As Bartolucci stated, the team has the right chemistry to win, but needs to develop the right frame of mind to be consistent. It looks as if as the season progresses, the team becomes stronger and is more consistent. That would peak them just in time for tournament play.

## Baseball Looking Toward Tournament Play

By JIM McNAMARA

When you talk to Coach John Palmer about one of his teams, you better have plenty of paper and a new pen to take in the mass of data that he unloads. So in order to see just how good the softball team is doing, one needs to look no further than the stats. When eighth year Coach Palmer states that this is his second best team of his coaching stint (seconded only by the New England Runner Up in 1979), the numbers tell you why.

As a team, the Samoyeds have a 2-0 league record and a 9-4 record in Region 21 of the National Junior College Athletic Association. The team is unleashing a whopping .329 batting average that is strengthened by 21 doubles, 7 triples, and 2 home runs. What is even more unbelievable about the team's hitting attack is the phenomenal hitting of the batters 1-5 in the Samoyeds order. Starting from the top: Dale Berthiaume is hitting .426, Janet Twyon .448, Anne McMahon .435, Lisa Folk .414, Cindy Mosca .404, so it seems that the Samoyeds have no problem putting people on the bases.

With the year that these players are having at the plate, "records are falling daily," according to Palmer. At this point in the season, Berthiaume has already become the career hit leader at GCC with 74. The fleet footed player also holds the single season base stealing record at 15 and the career record of 29. Turners Falls alumni Cindy Mosca has tied the career doubles mark with 12 and holds the single season of RBI's record with a high water mark of 29. On the defensive end, Mosca has gunned down 21 runners from her position behind the plate for a single season record that continually adds to her career mark of 27. The stopper on the mound is the Greenfield native, Janet Twyon, who has hurled a career record 93 strikeouts. Hailing from Frontier Regional is second baseman Judy Walker who has set the single

season assist record at 27.

The Lady Samoyeds are far from being a team of individuals however. Rounding out the squad are six players who have each provided timely hitting and fielding for Coach Palmer. The two players also receiving mound duty along with Twyon are Jill Sadowski and newcomer Sherry Moreau. Each will also see action in the outfield. Jill Weston, Mary Ward and Sue Stokarski are the three players that play a dual role as each will either play first base or in the outfield. Barb Weeden from Greenfield is the utility player who provides the timely substituting for the team.

The goals for the team are a twenty win season, winning the State's Tournament and qualify for the New England Tourney. Although the Samoyeds have loud bats, the team's defense sometimes begins to lapse. Palmer looks to erase these lapses by season's end in time for tourney play.

## Men's Volleyball

By JIM McNAMARA

The GCC Men's Volleyball team finished their season strong in numbers and full of promise, yet did not have the full opportunity to prove themselves on the court. As a junior college team playing against four year schools, the Samoyeds did not always receive the respect that the team may have deserved. Facing trouble with scheduling and lack of officials at most away matches, the team still was able to achieve some concrete playing time in the team's second year of existence.

Leading the squad was the hard hitting Juan Maldonado who transferred from UMass, and played a season for GCC. Juan was responsible for the hardest spiking seen, including any of the competition the team played against.

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